

VFW Auxiliary
Department of Connecticut
Scholarship
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VOICE OF DEMOCRACY Audio-Essay Contest

Theme: Is America Today, our Forefather's Vision?

Open to students in grades 9-12 student enrolled in public, private, parochial high school or home study program in the U.S., it's territories, and possessions; or dependents of US military or civilian personnel in overseas schools.)

This is a recorded 3-5 minute(+or- 5sec max.) audio essay on a flash drive or other electronic device.

Submit recording with typed essay and completed essay form.

*Applications can be found at VFW.org Home/Community/Youth

Deadline October 31, 2024 to local VFW.

Judging criteria – Originality is worth 30 points
Content is worth 35 points
Delivery is worth 35 points

1st place National Scholarship \$35,000 to 37th -53rd place National Scholarships \$1,000

PATRIOT'S PEN Essay Contest

Theme: My Voice in America's Democracy

Open to students in grades 6-8 student enrolled in public, private, parochial high school or home study program in the U.S., it's territories, and possessions; or dependents of US military or civilian personnel in overseas schools)

Essays should be typed in English with no color or graphics. 300-400 words in length (+ or – 5 word max) Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title (theme) or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count.

ChatGPT or other AI tools is not allowed and it must be the student's original work.

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Judging criteria – Knowledge of the theme is worth 30 points
Theme development is worth 35 points
Clarity of ideas is worth 35 points

1st place National Scholarship \$5,000 to 53rd place \$500

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Extending Service to our Veterans

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You Make



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